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Saturday (a.m. / p.m.)
Mostly Cloudy
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Mostly Cloudy
Partly Cloudy
Wind NW 15 mph
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Cancer Awareness Month a success!



Master Sgt. Yolanda Horsley, 65th Air Base Wing, looks through the silent auction items at the Lajes Pink Tie Gala, Nov. 5, at the Top of the Rock Club. Horsley is a cancer survivor herself, and spoke at the Lajes Midnight Cancer Awareness Walk, Oct. 21, about the importance of education and awareness. (Photo by Lucas Silva)

By Maj. Georgette Trezvant
65th Medical Operations Squadron

Team Lajes demonstrated tremendous support for Cancer Awareness Month this year. The outpouring of help and generosity from community members and over 100 volunteers made each of the events a success. October is traditionally recognized as Breast Cancer Awareness Month; however, the Lajes community opted to raise awareness and support for all types of cancer. Not an easy task, but certainly a worthy one.

For our first event, we partnered with the Azorean chapter of the Portuguese Cancer League to host a kick-off to the month, with a two-mile walk in Praia. It consisted of 68 participants walking through downtown along the beach walk distributing cancer prevention information, and showing support for victims. Fatima Castro and Ana Lemos, our event planners, led the way on the walk, which included a welcome from several Praia officials.

Next, the Company Grade Officers' Council hosted a "Bowl for the Cure," tournament that drew 60 participants and raised \$600 for cancer research. We partnered again with the Portuguese Cancer League and Angra Hospital for a two-mile guided walking tour through the center of Angra. The Angra walk included a health fair at city hall with 78 contacts (supporters who made donations), and provided a wonderful opportunity to share information about cancer prevention and support for the Portuguese Cancer League.

The Midnight Walk, chaired by Amy Ennis and 1st Lt. Beth Phillips, 65th Medical Group, included an opening ceremony conducted by the Lajes High School Band and Chorus, followed by a pancake breakfast provided by the Lajes Field Top III Association. Over 300 people participated in the opening memorial lap. The 12-hour event saw several teams camp out for the night at the track, as well as a few participants complete a full marathon in support of the cause. The Midnight Walk generated \$2.9 thousand for the Combined Federal Campaign, with donations for the Susan B. Komen Foundation for Breast Cancer and the American Cancer Society.

The Pink Tie Gala, sponsored by the Lajes Spouses Club, served as our final and largest cancer awareness event. The evening, dubbed the "Social Event of the Year," by Col. Jose Rivera, 65th Air Base Wing commander, had close to 300 in attendance. The gala included a silent and live auction that garnered \$9.2 thousand for the CFC, with donations supporting a range of cancer foundations and charities.

Col. Rivera served as our honorary speaker and highlighted the numerous life saving advances we have made in the fight against breast cancer over the past 20 years. He stressed the important role each of us can make by supporting cancer awareness and the message of prevention and early detection in our community. So thank you to Team Lajes for another successful year in raising awareness for cancer, and garnering over \$10,000 for this important cause.



Meet Mr. William Niblick, the Lajes Field Librarian

You mentioned you were prior Army. What was your career field, and what motivated you to join?

I was a military policeman. I joined to get money to go back to college, and only enlisted for two years. I was doing some very interesting things, re-enlisted and just kept re-enlisting.

How long were you in the Army? What was your last rank?

I was in for 16 years. They opened my Military Occupational Specialty code up for early retirement; I applied, and was one of few that were accepted. I retired as an E-8.

How long have you been a librarian? Did you have a civilian assignment prior to Lajes?

I've been in base libraries since 2004. I was hired as the system's administrator at the Tyndall AFB Library. In 2006 the library director retired, and I was hired as his replacement. After my time here I will return to Tyndall.

What is your hometown?

I don't really have a hometown, as my dad was in the Air Force for 26 years and I joined the Army a year and a half after high school. I never really spent enough time anywhere to call the town home. As a kid we moved 13 times, and in the Army I spent so most of my time deployed or on missions. When I retired from the military, we moved to Fort Walton Beach, Fla. and we plan to settle in Panama City, Fla.

How many members are in your immediate family?

My wife, Renetta, and my daughter, Amanda.

What inspired you to become a librarian?

My sister was an Air Force Librarian, and after I retired I needed a new career. I was going to go into teaching, but after talking with her she convinced me that being a librarian was a better career move. So far she's been right.

What's an aspect about the Lajes Field library you think would be interesting for people to know?

Many "A"irmen don't know that we receive about 20 new DVDs each month, 20 best sellers each month, and with your library card you have access to "Overdrive," which has downloadable audio books, music, movies, and most importantly, eBooks.

How many members work at the library?

We have a staff of one librarian and three library technicians.

Could you list one or two main highlights of your Army career? Your librarian career?

I did and saw so much in the Army; I got to rappel out of a chopper, jump out of planes, work with many of our NATO allies, meet and provide security for heads of state, secretaries, and entertainers...but the biggest highlight of my Army career was being able to see the world--often seeing parts of countries that most people never visit.

The highlight of my library career was being named civilian of the quarter here at Lajes. I have never had the chain-of-command recognize the effort that goes into creating a quality library program--most don't even know the base has a library. While I got the award, it was more of a testament to the terrific staff at Lajes. They go to great lengths to ensure our patrons' information needs are met.

How would you say Lajes differs from other bases where you've worked?

The biggest difference here is the leadership actually cares about what we do and the patrons appreciate us.

What's one piece of advice you could give to young Airmen?

Get an education.

Are there any particular quotes you live by?

I have three quotes that I've always lived by:

Learn from yesterday, live for today, hope for tomorrow. The important thing is not to stop questioning. Albert Einstein

Do what you can, with what you have, where you are. Theodore Roosevelt

The only man who never makes a mistake is the man who never does anything. Theodore Roosevelt



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Readiness from a spouse's perspective

By Tanya Saenz

65th Logistics Readiness Squadron Key Spouse

As a key spouse within the 65th Logistics Readiness Squadron, I experience every day what it means to be part of a leading team in this always changing world of an Air Force spouse. Air Force spouses have a vocabulary of acronyms only few people understand--PCS, TDY, OHA, COLA and ORI--just to name a few. Mission readiness might be a foreign concept to civilians, but it's part of our everyday life. We know mission readiness is key to success; for our airmen to be successful, we must also be mission ready and capable to lead at a moment's notice. The ability to take over all responsibilities on the homefront for an extended amount of time, while our Airmen lead the charge somewhere around the world, makes us warriors.

But mission readiness doesn't begin at the unit level; it begins with your family. 65th LRS has hosted many family-oriented and family-fun activities. During an Operational Readiness Exercise in August, the spouses created an "ORE Bake-Off." The idea was to get goodies out to deploying warriors going through the processing line. We baked over 200 cookies, brownies and muffins for 80 people, personalizing each goody bag with encouraging sayings.

We designed a "Family Warrior Day," emphasizing fun and learning. The intention was to come together and train alongside our military spouses for one day, and learn what they learn. Because it was all about having fun, the spouses created our own warrior outfits. We used old Battle Dress and Airman Battle Uniforms to create skirts and shorts. Tech. Sgt. Albert Black's wife, Christi Black, created her own ABU flip flops. 1st Lt. Sarah Thompson gave my son an old BDU set; coupled with his Headquarters United States Air Forces in Europe BDU hat from his dad, he was ready to take command. Tech. Sgt. Fred Cowell's son, Freddie, came with a painted warrior face in his ABUs, which his parents had purchased and tailored in the states.

"He had a blast!" said Cowell. "He likes to see what his dad does, and loved participating in the training. He even did the interrogating!"

Families took part in the Self-Aid and Buddy Care and M-16 training, watched a working dog presentation, and some of our spouses even got the opportunity to experience the Mission Oriented Protective Posture, also known as MOPP gear. Our children were able to learn hands-on how to put out a small fire with the Lajes Field Fire Department. The day culminated in a barbecue and awards presentation, and was made even more special with an ice cream social and face painting for the children. The day was a success, as reported by American Forces Network, Lajes, and kudos from wing leadership.

We've organized our own spouses' league bowling team, and earlier this month, 65th LRS spouses and airmen united to form a squadron team for the Midnight Breast Cancer Awareness Walk. We hosted a family Spooky Spaghetti Dinner, complete with a mini walk-thru haunted house, and lots of food and games for the kids. There was such an abundance of food, we were able to feed our own 24-hour operations crews for the weekend. In October, 65th LRS hosted our first Annual Family Sports Day, including kids' relay races, an egg toss, football, wallyball, basketball and tug of war. Prizes were awarded for first, second, and third place. It was a great day to come together and have a little competitive fun with our friends and family.

Recently, we teamed up with the key spouses from the 65th Contracting Flight. The small but mighty flight doesn't have the people to host family events on a grand scale, however, when our squadrons work together, we are able to put together first-class events that ensure our families know the goodness of Lajes.

We have many more events and functions planned for the future. This month 65th LRS will host the Wing Turkey Trot Run, have our annual Thanksgiving Dinner and close out the year with our holiday party. Next year looks even better for our squadron, with many joint Airman and spouse self-help projects, family functions and community involvement activities.

So, from a spouses' perspective, mission readiness doesn't start at the unit, it starts with our family; because of strong families, we are mission ready and "In the Fight." 65th LRS --we lead the rest!

Lajes Field's 3rd Quarter Award Winners





Happy Veterans' Day, Team Lajes!

Feature

The excerpt below from Pres. Abraham Lincoln is as relevant today as it was then.



"[Veterans] -- You ... [have returned] to your homes and your friends, after having, as I learn, performed ... a comparatively short term of duty in this great contest. I am greatly obliged to you, and to all who have come forward at the call of their country. I wish it might be more generally and universally understood what the country is now engaged in. We have, as all will agree, a free Government, where every man has a right to be equal with every other man. In this great struggle, this form of Government and every form of human right is endangered if our enemies succeed. There is more involved in this contest than is realized by every one. There is involved in this struggle the question whether your children and my children shall enjoy the privileges we have enjoyed. I say this in order to impress upon you, if you are not already so impressed, that no small matter should divert us from our great purpose. There may be some irregularities in the practical application of our system. ... There may be mistakes made sometimes; things may be done wrong while the officers of the Government do all they

can to prevent mistakes. But I beg of you, as citizens of this great Republic, not to let your minds [be] carried off from the great work we have before us. This struggle is too large for you to be diverted from it by any small matter. When you return to your homes rise up to the height of a generation of [Americans] worthy of a free Government, and we will carry out the great work we have commenced. I return to you my sincere thanks, [veterans], for the honor you have done me this afternoon."

--Abraham Lincoln (18 Aug 1864) in an address to the 64th Ohio Regiment

Cory's Shearwater

During October and November, the young Cory's Shearwater (Cagarro) birds will leave their nests at night and fly for the first time on a journey of hundreds of miles. Disoriented by artificial lights within the Azores, they fly inland instead of seaward. The species are protected by Portuguese and International Laws. Help Cory's Shearwater find their way back.

If you find a Cory on the ground, please pick it up and call: Entomology Shop at 535-6194 or, Fire Department at 535-5166 or, Natural Resources Office at 535-6558 or vitor.berbereia@lajes.af.mil.



LAJES WARRIORS OF THE WEEK



Name: Adrienne Cohen
Rank: Master Sergeant
Unit: 65th ABW/JA
Hometown: San Diego, Calif.
Duty Title: NCOIC, General Law and Adverse Actions
Accomplishments: Sergeant Adrienne Cohen is responsible for preparing legal reviews and briefing personnel on various preventive law issues, and the Law of Armed

Conflict. She drafts and notarizes powers-of-attorney and other documents for legal assistance clients. By creative advertising, Sergeant Cohen led the push of the legal assistance website which offers clients a quick and efficient way to complete their legal needs. Additionally, she manages the administrative discharge program and assists with the processing of courts-martial and non-judicial punishment actions. Sergeant Cohen's numerous efforts throughout the office contributed greatly to the legal team receiving an "Excellent" rating during the ORI and the Superior Performer Team Award.



Name: Kevin Cox
Rank: GS-12
Unit: 65th ABW/JA
Hometown: Detroit, Mich.
Duty Title: Attorney Advisor
Accomplishments: Mr. Cox is responsible for providing legal services in the areas of contracts and environmental law. His sound advice, continual contact and experienced ability to work with

the contracting officers throughout the process has allowed him to integrate into the early stages of a contract formation to ensure each contract is legally sufficient upon award. In his capacity as the environmental law attorney, Mr. Cox pushed for spill response training and a comprehensive spill prevention and response plan to bring base and local assets together to respond to any spill on the island. Additionally, Mr. Cox also provides legal assistance to U.S. service-members to ensure their interests are protected and that the wing is in compliance with all international agreements and obligations.



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Members from the 55th Fighter Squadron, Shaw AFB, S.C., refuel their F-16 on the Lajes Field flightline before heading back home, Nov. 4, 2011, Azores, Portugal. (Photo by Lucas Silva)



(Front right) Tommy Brooks, 65th Force Support Squadron, helps auction off one of two quilts sold at the Lajes Pink Tie Gala, Nov. 5, Lajes Field, Portugal. (Far left) Carolyn Rousey, spouse of Chief Master Sgt. (select) Gregory Rousey, 65th Communications Squadron, and Darlene Caruso, spouse of Maj. Anthony Caruso, 65th Medical Support Squadron, hold up a quilt handmade by Carolyn Rousey. The quilt sold for \$1,365, leading to the overall amount raised from the Pink Tie Gala of \$9,200. (Photo by Lucas Silva)



Representatives from the city of Praia da Vitoria, the Portuguese Maritime Authority, Commercial Port Authority, Portuguese air force, and the 65th Air Base Wing discuss spill response actions during the first-ever Spill Response Table-Top Exercise, Nov. 3, Lajes Field, Portugal. The table-top was in preparation for the live Spill Response Exercise at Praia Bay, Nov. 9. (Photo by Lucas Silva)



Maj. Taona Enriquez, 65th Contracting Flight, helps her team in a tug of war game during the 65th Logistics Readiness Squadron's and 65th CONF's Family Sports Day, Nov. 4, Lajes Field, Azores. Some of the events included were kids relay races, an egg toss, football, wallyball, and basketball. (Photo by Guido Melo)



Lt. Col. Mark Miller, 65th Communications Squadron commander, congratulates Lajes' newest Chief Master Sgt. select Gregory Rousey and his wife, Carolyn, upon the announcement of his promotion Nov. 3. Rousey is the flight chief of the 65th CS Operations Flight. (Courtesy photo)



Mark your calendar

JOB OPPORTUNITIES: The 65th Contracting Flight has three requirements opening at the chapel. The positions include a Catholic musician, Protestant musician, and a Catholic pastoral associate. Please contact Airman 1st Class Sam Culberth at sam.culberth@lajes.af.mil to get a copy of the Request for Quote (RFQ).



NATIONAL NATIVE AMERICAN HERITAGE

MONTH: The committee is looking for volunteers to read Native American themed books at the elementary school the week of the 14-18th November during lunch. School will provide books but feel free to bring your own! We need 6 committed volunteers for the following dates/times:

NOV. 15 -- 1115-1145 (1 volunteer) / 1230-1255 (1 volunteer)

NOV. 16 -- 1230-1255 (1 volunteer) /

NOV. 17 -- 1230-1255 (1 volunteer)

NOV. 18 -- 1115 -1145 (1 volunteer) / 1230-1255 (1 volunteer)

Contact Lt Rebecca Hernandez at 535-4138 to volunteer

NLT COB Thursday.

VA BENEFITS TELECONFERENCE: Nov. 16, 9 a.m. – 1 p.m.

This teleconference at the Airman & Family Readiness Center Classroom (T-126) is for active duty members who are one year from separating, or two years from retirement. It's open to all veterans, service members and their families. Please call the A&FRC to register at 535-4138. Some of the information discussed will be: the purpose and organization of the VA, compensation and pension, health care, readjustment counseling, education, vocational rehabilitation and employment, life insurance, home loan guaranty, burial and survivor benefits, and other benefits and services.

FINANCIAL WORKSHOPS PRESENTED BY: PENTAGON

FEDERAL CREDIT UNION: T-126 Airman and Family Readiness Center at 9 a.m. Friday, Nov. 18 – Car Financing / Friday, Dec. 9 – Basic budget Friday, Dec. 16 – Car Financing. To register, call the AFRC at 535-4138.

ALS GRADUATION DATE CHANGE: The ALS graduation is now scheduled for Nov. 18, not Nov. 17.

PING PONG TOURNAMENT: There is a Ping Pong Tournament at the Solid Rock Oasis, Bldg T-307, Nov. 18 at 2 p.m. sponsored by the Solid Rock Oasis Airman Ministry Center. For more information, call 535-4019.

COMMISSARY OPEN ON

THANKSGIVING: The commissary will be open from 10 a.m. to 7 p.m. the Monday prior Thanksgiving, Nov. 21, and from 10a.m. to 4p.m. on Thanksgiving Day.



Feature

Phrase of the Week A LESSON IN PORTUGUESE



ENGLISH: My name is Guido, and what is your name?

PORTUGUESE: O meu nome é Guido e você como se chama?

PRONUNCIATION: OOh mayo NOHmeh eh GEEdooh, ee vosay KOmoo say SHAHmah?

At the Movies

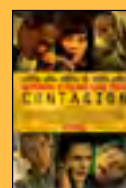


7 p.m. Saturday - Contagion

4 p.m. Sunday - I Don't Know How She Does It

7 p.m. Sunday - Straw Dogs

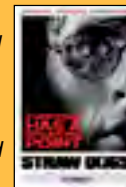
Contagion: Doctors at the United States Center for Disease Control and the World Health Organization rush to contain the outbreak of a new deadly virus. As they search for a cure, they track the virus' source to Hong Kong. Unfortunately, as they try to keep the death count from climbing, it's not just the disease they have to worry about; False rumors and civil unrest travel the globe faster than the killer bug. PG-13, 105 Minutes.



I Don't Know How She Does It: Kate Reddy devotes her days to her job with a Boston-based financial management firm. At night she goes home to her adoring, recently-downsized architect husband Richard and their two young children. When Kate gets handed a major new account that will require frequent trips to New York, Richard also wins the new job he's been hoping for---and both will be spreading themselves even thinner. Rated PG-13, 95 Minutes.



Straw Dogs: David and Amy Sumner, a Hollywood screenwriter and his actress wife, return to her small hometown in the deep South to prepare the family home for sale after her father's death. Once there, tensions build in their marriage and old conflicts re-emerge with the locals, including Amy's ex-boyfriend Charlie, leading to a violent confrontation. Rated R, 109 Minutes.



Movie times and schedule are subject to change. Call 535-4100 for the latest update.

ASK ED

A column that looks at the culture and history of the Azores.

By Eduardo Lima
Community Relations Advisor



As the U.S. and other countries celebrate Veterans' Day, what caused the deaths of the military members who are buried at the local British cemetery located off base?

According to the former Commonwealth War Graves Commission's Honorary Supervisor in the Azores, Maureen Diehl, 49 military members are buried in the British Cemetery, of whom 34 are British.

The other deceased include seven Canadians, two Australians, four Czechoslovakians, and one armed forces member, from New Zealand and Poland.

Some of these military members were killed in action while serving aboard the naval vessels that were patrolling the North Atlantic, while others were crewmembers of allied aircraft that crashed on or nearby Terceira Island during World War II.

The cemetery was established during World War II when the British Forces were stationed on Terceira Island and the airfield was used by the British and U.S. Air Forces. Originally it contained both British and American war graves, some of which were moved in from the town cemetery in Angra do Heroismo, but the remains of the American servicemen were ultimately repatriated.

Every year, a remembrance ceremony is held at the cemetery with the presence of Portuguese and U.S. military and civilian dignitaries to honor those who fell for their countries, so peace could be achieved.